



February 2023

Dear Members of the Clinton Community,

The Board of Education approved an operating budget for the 2023-2024 school year at its meeting held on February 6, 2023. The approved budget represents a total amount of \$35,446,476 or a 2.59% increase over the current year's approved operating budget. This year's budget process was influenced by a primary focus on the continued needs of our students for academic and social-emotional recovery as well as inflationary pressures on contracted goods and services.

The Board of Education budget process began in October and involved consultation with the Town Council, followed by numerous subcommittee discussions and workshops to examine budget challenges and drivers. At these meetings, the board members considered requests from staff and administration, reviewed needs, discussed parameters for budget formation, and made decisions. Throughout the course of this work, the Board requested backup and clarifying information and sought to align funding with strategic plan objectives, as they made final decisions about inclusion of items in the budget.

The Clinton Board of Education has worked diligently to make quality, prudent budget decisions. The process of budget preparation, development, and consideration has been thorough and responsive to the requests of the Town Council regarding budget parameters and development. We respectfully submit this budget, and the supporting detail contained in the budget book, to the Town Council, the Town Manager and to the citizens of Clinton. We hope that you will review the information and participate in the public process that leads to the May referendum.

Sincerely,

Erica Gelven  
Board of Education Chair

Maryann R. O'Donnell  
Superintendent of Schools